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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, House Committee on Education
FROM: Donna Russo-Savage
SUBJECT: Unified Union School Districts; Town Meeting Day votes
DATE: March 23, 2017

Town Meeting Day

Votes:

- 10 proposals
- 53 separate votes (because 2 votes are by districts that are already multi-town PK-12 districts – Mtn Town RED and Millers Run UUSD)
- 57 towns
- 57 districts (which are not identical to the towns – coincidentally the same number)
- 11 SUs
- 4 proposals involved districts from more than one SU

Results: If the votes are not changed on reconsideration (votes final on April 6)

Approved:

- Voters in 38 towns
- 7 supervisory unions
- 37 school districts
- Approved creation of 6 new unified districts

Rutland Central / Rutland SW (2 proposals):

- Voters in 3 additional districts approved 1 additional new unified district
- This merger will not go forward because it was contingent on a successful merger of 2 neighboring districts where the vote failed – petition circulating for reconsideration

Not approved:

- Dover / Wardsboro / Marlboro
- Windham Northeast SU (Athens / Grafton / Rockingham / Westminster)

Cumulative Since July 1, 2015 (Act 46) (so doesn't include Chittenden East or Mtn Town RED)

If the TMD votes are not changed on reconsideration

- Voters 96 towns
- 21 supervisory unions
- 104 school districts
- Approved creation of 20 new unified districts (16 unified union school districts and 4 modified unified union school districts)